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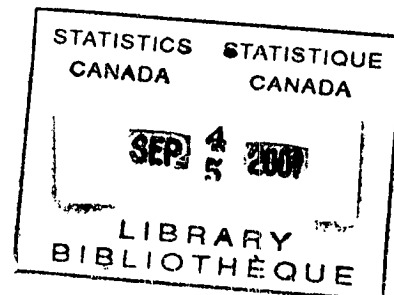
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INTRODUCTION

This report was prepared by the Target Groups Project of Statistics Canada as a supplement to **A Portrait of Children in Canada** (Catalogue 89-520), which was released in September 1990. The tables in this statistical compendium provide both updated material and new data series.

The information has been integrated from a wide variety of Statistics Canada and other federal government sources to present an overview of the most representative demographic, family, education, health, and income characteristics of Canadian children. It is hoped that this information will provide an interesting and useful background to the continuing discussion of children's issues.

Unless otherwise indicated, "children" refers to the population under age 15. However, because the data are drawn from different sources, the age range may vary from table to table.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- * In 1990, there were almost 5.6 million Canadians under the age of 15. While this figure was up slightly from 1986, there were still over 1 million fewer children in 1990 than in 1966, when the ranks of young Canadians were swollen by children born during the postwar baby boom.
- * Children's share of the Canadian population is at its lowest level this century. In 1990, just 21% of all Canadians were under the age of 15. In comparison, the figure had been over 30% for most of the period 1921-1966.
- * There were 393,000 live births in Canada in 1989, the highest single-year total since 1965. Nevertheless, the number of births per 1,000 population remains low by historical standards.
- * The infant mortality rate in 1989, at 7.1 deaths per 1,000 live births, was only about a quarter of that in 1960 (27.3). There was an especially sharp decline in infant mortality among aboriginal people. In 1988, there were 13 infant deaths per 1,000 live births among registered Indians living on reserves, down from 82 in 1960. Infant mortality among aboriginals, though, is still almost double that for the overall population.
- * Accidents and other adverse effects such as homicide and suicide were the leading cause of death of children under 15 years of age. Death rates in this age range, however, are very low.
- * Children were somewhat less likely to be homicide victims in the late 1980s than in earlier years. For example, an average of 45 children aged 10 and under were murdered each year between 1987 and 1989. This compared with an average of 55 per year in the 1976-1986 period.
- * As of September 1991, 63 Canadian children had been diagnosed as having AIDS. Most of these cases were as a result of perinatal transmission.
- * The vast majority of Canadian children -- 86% in 1986 -- live in two-parent families. The share in lone-parent families, however, has risen from 9% in 1976 to 12% in 1986.
- * Since 1978, the parents of almost 700,000 dependent children have divorced. In the majority of cases, custody was awarded to the mother, although joint custody is becoming more common. In 1989, joint custody arrangements were made for more than 12% of children involved in

divorces, up from just over 1% in 1986.

- * Around a quarter of a million Canadian children -- 5% of the total -- have a disability. Very few of these children live in institutions, and a relatively small minority have severe disabilities.
- * Changes in the number of Canadian children are reflected in enrolment in elementary and secondary schools. In 1989, just over 5 million children were enrolled in these schools. While this figure has crept up since 1985, it is still three-quarters of a million below the peak in 1970.
- * The proportion of students attending private schools has risen gradually during the past 20 years. In 1989-90, private schools accounted for 4.6% of elementary-secondary enrolment. This was down slightly from the peak of 4.8% in the mid-1980s, but up from 2.4% in 1970-71.
- * The majority of public school students are learning a second official language. As well, enrolment in French immersion programs outside Quebec has risen steadily throughout the 1980s.
- * A growing share of children have mothers employed outside the home. In 1990, 63% of women with at least one child younger than age 16 worked, up from 50% in 1981. As well, the majority (53%) of women with a child younger than age 3 had a job outside the home.
- * By 1990, there were more than 300,000 licensed or provincially approved day care spaces in Canada. However, available space represented just 18% of children under age 6 whose mothers were in the labour force.
- * Children constitute a disproportionate share of low-income Canadians. In 1989, 15% of children under age 16 lived in low-income families; these children made up 27% of all people classified as low income.
- * Children in lone-parent families are particularly likely to be in low-income situations. In 1989, 51% of lone-parent families headed by a woman under age 65 had low incomes.
- * Young offenders under age 17 accounted for 7.5% of all criminal offences in 1989.
- * Children make up relatively large shares of Canada's visible minority populations. In 1986, 27% of all people in the groups identified as visible minorities and 36% of aboriginal people were under age 15.

- * In 1989, more than one-fifth of all immigrants to Canada were children. This was up from the mid-1980s, when children had accounted for fewer than 18% of all immigrants, but down from more than 25% in the mid-1970s.
- * The largest share of children who immigrated to Canada in 1989 were born in Asia (35%), followed by European countries other than Great Britain (24%). The Middle East accounted for 11% of child immigrants, while Africa and the West Indies were each the sources of about 6%. Fewer than 5% of immigrant children came from Central America, South America, Great Britain, or the United States.

Table 1: Number of children in Canada, 1921–1990

	Number of children			Total children	Total population	Children as % of total population
	Under age 5	5–9	10–14			
	000s					%
1921	1,058.9	1,050.2	914.3	3,023.4	8787.9	34.4
1931	1,074.6	1,132.9	1,074.2	3,281.8	10,376.8	31.6
1941	1,051.9	1,045.8	1,100.9	3,198.6	11,506.7	27.8
1951	1,722.1	1,397.8	1,130.8	4,250.7	14,009.4	30.3
1956	1,983.6	1,807.1	1,434.6	5,225.3	16,080.8	32.4
1961	2,256.4	2,079.5	1,856.0	6,191.9	18,238.2	34.0
1966	2,197.4	2,300.9	2,093.5	6,591.8	20,014.9	32.9
1971	1,816.2	2,254.0	2,310.7	6,380.9	21,568.3	29.6
1976	1,732.0	1,887.8	2,276.4	5,896.2	22,992.6	25.6
1981	1,783.4	1,776.9	1,920.9	5,481.1	24,343.2	22.5
1986	1,810.2	1,795.0	1,786.8	5,392.0	25,309.3	21.3
1990	1,879.6	1,851.9	1,828.3	5,559.8	26,584.0	20.9

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogues 91–210 and 93–101.

Table 2: Projections(1) of number of children, 1996 – 2011

	Number of children			Total children	Total population	Children as % of total population
	Under age 5	5–9	10–14			
			000s			%
1996	1,816.2	1,895.5	1,876.4	5,588.1	28,245.6	19.8
2001	1,735.6	1,845.3	1,927.4	5,508.3	29,527.5	18.7
2006	1,708.6	1,763.6	1,875.8	5,348.0	30,664.0	17.4
2011	1,726.5	1,735.6	1,792.9	5,255.0	31,690.3	16.6

(1) Projections based on assumption of fertility rate of 1.67 births per woman by 2011 and annual immigration of 200,000.

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue 91-520.

Table 3: Number of children, by province and territory, 1990

	Number of children			Total children	Total population	Children as % of total provincial population	Children in province as % of all children
	Under age 5	5-9	10-14				
	000s					%	%
Nfld.	38.7	44.8	49.9	133.4	573.0	23.3	2.4
P.E.I.	9.9	9.8	10.0	29.8	130.4	22.9	0.5
N.S.	60.9	60.6	62.3	183.9	891.6	20.6	3.3
N.B.	48.6	50.8	54.4	153.9	723.9	21.3	2.8
Que.	433.0	450.5	473.6	1,357.1	6,762.2	20.1	24.4
Ont.	686.5	656.5	634.7	1,977.7	9,731.2	20.3	35.6
Man.	84.1	79.2	77.0	240.3	1,089.9	22.0	4.3
Sask.	83.2	80.9	77.9	242.1	1,000.3	24.2	4.4
Alta.	210.2	195.6	177.9	583.7	2,469.8	23.6	10.5
B.C.	215.2	215.1	203.7	634.0	3,131.7	20.2	11.4
Yukon	2.5	2.3	1.8	6.6	26.0	25.4	0.1
N.W.T.	6.9	5.6	4.9	17.4	54.0	32.2	0.3
Canada	1,879.6	1,851.9	1,828.3	5,559.8	26,584.0	20.9	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue 91-210.

Table 4: Live births, by sex, 1960–1989

	Male	Female	Total	Birth rate(1)
1960	246,029	232,522	478,551	26.8
1961	244,403	231,297	475,700	26.1
1962	240,870	228,823	469,693	25.3
1963	238,865	226,902	465,767	24.6
1964	232,657	220,258	452,915	23.5
1965	215,112	203,483	418,595	21.3
1966	198,928	188,782	387,710	19.4
1967	189,847	181,047	370,894	18.2
1968	187,489	176,821	364,310	17.6
1969	189,798	179,849	369,647	17.6
1970	191,435	180,553	371,988	17.5
1971	186,646	175,541	362,187	16.8
1972	178,782	168,537	347,319	15.9
1973	176,801	166,572	343,373	15.5
1974	177,686	167,959	345,645	15.6
1975	184,534	174,789	359,323	15.8
1976	184,832	175,155	359,987	15.7
1977	185,923	175,477	361,400	15.5
1978	183,879	174,973	358,852	15.3
1979	188,382	177,682	366,064	15.5
1980	190,395	180,314	370,709	15.5
1981	190,603	180,743	371,346	15.3
1982	191,307	181,775	373,082	15.1
1983	192,236	181,453	373,689	15.0
1984	193,678	183,353	377,031	15.0
1985	193,247	182,480	375,727	14.8
1986	191,043	181,870	372,913	14.7
1987	189,314	180,428	369,742	14.4
1988	192,989	183,806	376,795	14.5
1989	201,152	191,509	392,661	15.0

(1) Births per 1,000 population.

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogues 84-204 and 82-003S14.

Table 5: Infant(1) mortality, by sex, 1960–1989

	Male		Female		Total	
	Deaths	Rate(2)	Deaths	Rate(2)	Deaths	Rate(2)
1960	7,572	30.8	5,505	23.7	13,077	27.3
1965	5,626	26.2	4,236	20.8	9,862	23.6
1970	4,056	21.2	2,945	16.3	7,001	18.8
1975	2,798	15.9	2,104	12.6	4,902	14.3
1980	2,217	11.6	1,651	9.2	3,868	10.4
1985	1,680	8.7	1,302	7.1	2,982	8.0
1986	1,660	8.7	1,278	7.0	2,938	7.9
1987	1,587	8.4	1,119	6.2	2,706	7.3
1988	1,547	8.0	1,158	6.3	2,705	7.2
1989	1,606	8.0	1,189	6.2	2,795	7.1

(1) Under 1 year of age.

(2) Deaths per 1,000 live births.

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogues 82-003S15 and 84-204.

Table 6: Causes of infant deaths(1), by sex, 1989

Cause of death	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Perinatal conditions(2)	693	43.2	476	40.0	1,169	41.8
Congenital anomalies(3)	451	28.1	419	35.2	870	31.1
Sudden infant death syndrome	242	15.1	143	12.0	385	13.8
Accidents/adverse effects	37	2.3	27	2.3	64	2.3
Diseases of the respiratory system	31	1.9	28	2.4	59	2.1
Diseases of the nervous system	33	2.1	23	1.9	56	2.0
Other	119	7.4	73	6.1	192	6.9
Total	1,606	100.0	1,189	100.0	2,795	100.0

(1) Under 1 year of age.

(2) For example, birth trauma, birth asphyxia.

(3) For example, anencephalus, spina bifida.

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue 82-003S12.

Table 7: Deaths among children aged 1–14, 1960–1989

	Deaths per 1,000 children aged			Total deaths of children aged 1–14	
	1–4	5–9	10–14	Number	% of all deaths
1960	1.2	0.6	0.5	4,025	2.88
1965	1.0	0.5	0.4	3,809	2.56
1970	0.8	0.5	0.4	3,353	2.15
1975	0.8	0.4	0.4	2,803	1.67
1980	0.6	0.3	0.3	2,047	1.19
1985	0.4	0.2	0.3	1,505	0.83
1986	0.5	0.2	0.2	1,470	0.80
1987	0.4	0.2	0.3	1,472	0.80
1988	0.4	0.2	0.2	1,442	0.76
1989	0.4	0.2	0.2	1,369	0.72

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogues 82-003, 84-202, and 84-204.

Table 8: Causes of deaths of children aged 1–14, 1989

Cause of death	Children aged							
	1–4		5–9		10–14		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Accidents/adverse effects	237	39.8	185	49.7	214	53.2	636	46.5
Congenital anomalies(1)	111	18.7	38	10.2	25	6.2	174	12.7
Cancer	59	9.9	64	17.2	51	12.7	174	12.7
Diseases of the nervous system	44	7.4	21	5.6	26	6.5	91	6.6
Diseases of the respiratory system	37	6.2	14	3.8	25	6.2	76	5.6
Other	107	18.0	50	13.4	61	15.2	218	15.9
Total	595	100.0	372	100.0	402	100.0	1,369	100.0

(1) For example, anencephalus, spina bifida.

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue 82-003S12.

Table 9: Suicide rates, by age and sex, 1989

	Male	Female
	per 100,000 population	
Under age 10	0.0	0.0
10-14	2.0	0.7
15-19	22.7	3.2
20-24	29.9	6.2
25-29	28.4	6.7
30-34	28.2	8.0
35-39	26.6	8.7
40-44	24.8	9.2
45-49	25.3	12.7
50-54	23.6	7.7
55-59	27.5	8.8
60-64	24.3	6.9
65-69	25.9	7.3
70-74	24.5	6.3
75-79	24.6	6.5
80-84	31.9	4.1
85 and over	41.3	5.0

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue 82-003S12.

Table 10: Homicide victims aged 10 and under, 1976-1989

	Male	Female	Total(1)	As % of all homicide victims
1976	31	30	61	9.1
1977	33	24	58	8.2
1978	33	31	64	9.7
1979	31	25	56	8.9
1980	22	18	40	6.7
1981	34	20	54	8.3
1982	28	19	47	7.0
1983	21	34	55	8.1
1984	36	33	69	10.3
1985	34	20	54	7.7
1986	29	21	52	9.1
1987	22	21	44	6.9
1988	23	20	43	7.4
1989	20	27	47	7.2

(1) Includes cases in which the sex was not known/reported.

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogues 85-209 and 85-002, Vol. 10, No. 14,
October, 1990.

Table 11: Children(1) with AIDS

	Number	%
Total pediatric cases of AIDS(2)	63	100.0
- % of all AIDS cases	-	1.2
Year of diagnosis:		
Pre-1983	4	6.3
1983	5	7.9
1984	5	7.9
1985	13	20.6
1986	5	7.9
1987	7	11.1
1988	8	12.7
1989	10	15.9
1990	4	6.3
1991	2	3.2
Method of transmission:		
- perinatal	51	81.0
- blood transfusion	12	19.0
Province:		
Quebec	47	74.6
Ontario	7	11.1
British Columbia	2	3.2
Other	7	11.1

(1) Aged 0-14 at time of diagnosis.

(2) Cases diagnosed as of September 1991.

Source: Health and Welfare Canada, Federal Centre for AIDS.

Table 12: Living arrangements of children, 1976 and 1986

	1976		1986	
	Number	%	Number	%
	000s		000s	
In husband-wife family	5,204.4	89.1	4,582.8	85.5
In lone-parent family	520.9	8.9	666.7	12.4
With other relatives	66.2	1.1	75.1	1.4
With non-relatives	48.9	0.8	36.3	0.7
Total	5,840.4	100.0	5,360.9	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue 93-106 and unpublished Census data.

Table 13: Dependent children involved in divorces, by party obtaining custody, 1978–1989

	Wife	Husband	Joint	Other person/ agency	No award	Total	Total number of children
			%				
1978	78.7	15.6	...	0.3	5.4	100.0	59,376
1979	78.7	15.8	...	0.2	5.3	100.0	57,856
1980	78.2	16.0	...	0.2	5.6	100.0	59,600
1981	77.9	15.8	...	0.3	6.0	100.0	62,434
1982	77.2	15.6	...	0.2	7.0	100.0	65,341
1983	74.9	15.8	...	0.2	9.1	100.0	64,221
1984	74.3	15.5	...	0.2	10.0	100.0	60,063
1985	72.7	15.2	...	0.3	11.8	100.0	56,336
1986	71.9	15.3	1.2	0.4	11.2	100.0	60,450
1987	74.7	13.6	7.5	0.2	4.0	100.0	53,699
1988	75.8	12.8	10.1	0.3	1.0	100.0	50,249
1989	74.1	12.8	12.4	0.2	0.5	100.0	50,333

... Not applicable.

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogues 82-003 and 84-205.

Table 15: Selected characteristics of children aged 5–14 with a disability living in households, 1986

	Number	%
Disabled children aged 5–14 living in a household	214,025	100.0
School attendance:		
– attending regular school	108,260	50.6
– enrolled in special school or class	77,380	36.2
– not attending school	12,960	6.1
– not stated	15,425	7.2
Education disruptions:		
– began first year of school late	12,865	6.0
– school interrupted for long periods	36,150	16.9
– took longer than other children to achieve present level of schooling	68,625	32.1
Take medication more than once per week	67,155	31.4
Families report disability-related expenses not reimbursed	81,235	38.0
Housebound	8,280	3.9
Prevented from participation in physical activities	33,020	15.4

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue 82-602.

Table 16: Enrolment(1) in elementary-secondary schools(2), by grade level, 1960-61 to 1989-90

	Kindergarten	Grades 1-8	Grades 9-13	Total	% in private schools
			000s		%
1960-61	145.6	3,267.3	788.8	4,201.7	4.0
1965-66	267.8(3)	3,679.8	1,250.0	5,197.6	3.9
1970-71	350.2	3,815.6	1,666.4	5,832.2	2.4
1971-72	335.5	3,759.7	1,706.7	5,801.9	2.4
1972-73	341.7	3,663.9	1,750.7	5,756.3	2.6
1973-74	357.8	3,534.9	1,794.2	5,686.9	2.8
1974-75	386.5	3,434.1	1,808.6	5,629.2	3.1
1975-76	398.5	3,481.9(4)	1,710.7(4)	5,591.1	3.3
1976-77	390.9	3,406.6	1,712.6	5,510.1	3.4
1977-78	380.3	3,320.5	1,706.4	5,407.2	3.5
1978-79	381.6	3,207.8	1,701.3	5,290.7	3.7
1979-80	385.6	3,119.3	1,676.6	5,181.5	3.8
1980-81	397.6	3,071.3	1,634.2	5,103.1	4.1
1981-82	391.5	3,069.9	1,559.6	5,021.0	4.3
1982-83	399.7	3,049.1	1,542.2	4,991.0	4.5
1983-84	401.1	3,022.5	1,548.3	4,971.9	4.6
1984-85	413.7	3,004.1	1,525.4	4,943.2	4.8
1985-86	422.1	2,989.0	1,513.9	4,925.0	4.8
1986-87	430.1	2,996.5	1,508.7	4,935.3	4.6
1987-88	440.7	3,022.2	1,507.4	4,970.3	4.6
1988-89	458.5	3,057.1	1,506.0	5,021.6	4.6
1989-90	472.1	3,097.0	1,513.9	5,083.0	4.6

(1) Includes ungraded students; excludes blind and deaf.

(2) Public, private and federal schools.

(3) Includes private kindergartens and nursery schools.

(4) Grades 1-8 increase because of inclusion of Quebec Secondary II. In earlier years, only Secondary I was classified with Grades 1-8.

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogues 81-229, 81-568, and 81-569.

Table 17: Enrolment of four- and five-year-olds, 1980-81 to 1989-90

	Four-year-olds		Five-year-olds	
	Number enrolled	% of population aged 4	Number enrolled	% of population aged 5
	000s		000s	
1980-81	127.7	36.1	325.8	91.7
1981-82	119.2	33.7	331.7	93.2
1982-83	123.3	35.2	333.7	94.0
1983-84	126.5	35.6	333.2	94.8
1984-85	131.4	36.0	341.6	95.9
1985-86	135.4	37.1	346.6	94.9
1986-87	142.5	39.3	349.4	95.6
1987-88	151.0	41.5	350.8	96.7
1988-89	168.4	46.1	355.3	97.2
1989-90	175.7	47.8	362.9	98.8

Source: Statistics Canada, Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

Table 18: Participation rates(1) in second language programs(2) in public schools, by province and level, 1970-71 to 1988-89

	Canada excluding Quebec			Quebec(3)		
	Elementary	Secondary	Total	K-6	7-11	Total
	%					
1970-71	28.6	55.8	38.3	41.2	100.0	63.8
1977-78	44.2	42.2	43.4	37.0	98.0	64.4
1978-79	46.7	43.6	45.5	37.0	98.0	64.2
1979-80	47.9	43.2	46.1	37.0	98.0	63.8
1980-81	49.2	41.9	46.4	37.0	98.0	62.8
1981-82	51.2	41.7	47.6	42.2	98.0	65.3
1982-83	53.0	39.8	48.0	40.8	98.0	63.8
1983-84	50.7	39.5	46.3	40.1	98.0	63.1
1984-85	51.7	44.7	49.0	40.3	98.0	62.5
1985-86	53.5	46.8	50.8	40.7	98.0	61.7
1986-87	56.1	47.3	52.6	41.8	98.0	61.9
1987-88	58.1	47.4	53.8	41.3	100.0	62.2
1988-89	59.6	47.1	54.7	42.5	100.0	63.1

(1) Percentage of eligible enrolment.

(2) English in Quebec; French in the other provinces and the territories.

(3) In Quebec, English is compulsory for all students in the French school system from Grade 4 through graduation.

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue 81-257.

**Table 19: Enrolment in French immersion programs
by grade level, Canada excluding Quebec
1980-81 to 1988-89**

	Pre-elementary to Grade 3	Grades 4 to 6	Total
1980-81	35,497	17,753	53,250
1981-82	42,411	20,995	63,406
1982-83	48,318	21,900	70,218
1983-84	62,781	27,998	90,779
1984-85	72,146	33,490	105,636
1985-86	82,305	38,317	120,622
1986-87	90,635	44,467	135,102
1987-88	96,979	49,648	146,627
1988-89	103,346	56,669	160,015

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue 81-257.

Table 20: Television viewing by children, 1989

Program type	Children aged		Total Canadian population
	2-11	12-17	
	%		
Drama	26.2	29.8	27.9
Comedy	22.8	26.1	15.3
Variety/games	8.9	9.2	11.1
News/public affairs/ documentary	9.1	11.6	21.9
Instruction	11.2	1.6	2.9
Sports	3.2	7.1	7.6
Music/dance	1.2	1.5	1.1
Religion	0.4	0.2	0.4
Other	17.2	12.9	11.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average number of hours per week	20.3	18.1	23.4

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue 87-208.

Table 21: Percentage of mothers employed, by age of youngest child, 1981-1990

	Age of youngest child			
	Less than 3	3-5	6-15	Total with children less than 16
	%			
1981	39.2	47.1	57.2	50.0
1982	39.3	46.7	55.9	49.2
1983	41.8	48.1	55.7	50.1
1984	44.2	49.5	57.9	52.3
1985	46.7	52.3	59.5	54.4
1986	49.3	54.7	62.3	57.1
1987	50.5	56.7	64.5	58.9
1988	51.8	58.5	67.0	60.9
1989	52.8	59.6	69.3	62.6
1990	53.4	59.6	70.4	63.3
000s of working mothers (1990)	499	358	1,135	1,992

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogues 71-001, 71-220 and 71-529.

1. Totals include a small number of male lone parents.

Table 22: Day care spaces, by type, 1971 – 1990

	Day care centre(1) spaces		Family day care(2) spaces		Total day care spaces	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
1971	16,791	96.5	600	3.5	17,391	100.0
1975	65,281	93.3	4,671	6.7	69,952	100.0
1980	98,238	90.0	10,903	10.0	109,141	100.0
1985	169,751	88.2	22,623	11.8	192,374	100.0
1986	197,802	89.7	22,715	10.3	220,517	100.0
1987	216,685	89.0	26,860	11.0	243,545	100.0
1988	232,787	88.3	30,839	11.7	263,626	100.0
1989	259,891	87.2	38,192	12.8	298,083	100.0
1990	282,465	88.1	38,159	11.9	320,624	100.0

(1) Licensed or provincially approved day care centres.

(2) Private families selected and supervised by a government or authorized private agency.

Source: Health and Welfare Canada, Status of Day Care in Canada.

Table 23: Children under age 6 in day care with mothers in labour force, 1986 and 1990

Age group	Number in day care		% of all children served	
	1986	1990	1986	1990
0-17 months	13,961	16,674	4.5	5.4
18-35 months	27,610	30,521	9.2	9.7
3-5 years	134,835	177,804	22.4	27.7
Total	176,406	224,999	14.6	17.8

Source: Health and Welfare Canada, Status of Day Care in Canada.

**Table 25: Estimated number of children in care(1) under
Canada Assistance Plan, by province(2), 1990**

	Number	% of relevant population(3)
Newfoundland	740	0.51
Prince Edward Island	240	0.67
Nova Scotia	1,520	0.77
New Brunswick	1,350	0.67
Ontario	10,230	0.43
Manitoba	3,310	1.15
Saskatchewan	2,420	0.94
Alberta	3,680	0.53
British Columbia	6,220	0.78
Yukon	180	2.37
Northwest Territories	290	1.44
Total	30,180	0.60

(1) Children in care can include children in foster homes, group homes and similar residential facilities; temporary or permanent guardianship; protective care; etc. Because programs and definitions vary between provinces, numbers are not comparable from one province to another.

(2) Data for Quebec not available.

(3) The age groups covered by the term "child" vary from province to province: 0-15 in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan; 0-17 in Prince Edward Island, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta, the Yukon and Northwest Territories; and 0-18 in New Brunswick and British Columbia.

Source: Health and Welfare Canada, Basic Facts on Social Security Programs, 1990.

Table 26: Federal Child Tax Credit, 1978-79 to 1988-89

	Number of families receiving Credit (millions)	Number of children under the program (millions)	% of children aged 0-17	Total amount of Credits (billions of constant 1988 \$)
1978-79	2.47	5.27	73.9	1.70
1979-80	2.46	5.11	72.9	1.66
1980-81	2.48	5.13	74.0	1.64
1981-82	2.46	5.04	73.6	1.54
1982-83	2.64	5.27	78.1	1.96
1983-84	2.58	5.13	77.0	1.78
1984-85	2.54	5.08	76.9	1.76
1985-86	2.48	4.99	75.8	1.68
1986-87	2.32	4.76	72.7	1.71
1987-88	2.27	4.59	69.8	1.71
1988-89	2.28	4.70	71.4	1.97

Source: Health and Welfare Canada, Social Security Statistics, 1963-64 to 1987-88 and Basic Facts on Social Security Programs, 1990.

Table 27: Young offenders(1), by type of offence, 1985-1989

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
Homicide					
Number	51	38	35	50	49
%(2)	7.2	6.7	5.4	8.7	7.4
Sexual assault					
Number	1,443	1,640	1,871	1,852	2,169
%(2)	7.9	8.0	8.4	7.4	8.1
All violent offences					
Number	12,938	14,744	15,668	16,917	20,480
%(2)	6.8	7.2	7.1	7.3	8.2
Property offences					
Number	107,449	115,441	108,901	104,840	110,045
%(2)	7.6	8.0	7.4	7.2	7.6
All criminal code offences					
Number	156,609	172,480	164,732	162,726	179,668
%(2)	7.2	7.6	7.0	6.8	7.4
Drug offences					
Number	4,290	4,767	4,117	4,112	4,253
%(2)	7.4	8.4	6.7	6.8	6.3
All offences					
Number	188,958	214,568	206,551	203,216	225,766
%(2)	6.9	7.5	7.0	6.9	7.5

(1) Includes all persons aged 17 or less charged with an offence or dealt with "informally" by the police.

(2) The percentage refers to the number of young offenders as a proportion of all confirmed offences known to police.

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue 85-205.

Table 28: Decisions and dispositions in youth court, 1986-87 to 1989-90

	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
Number of cases heard	48,089	49,920	49,346	52,432
Number found guilty	35,872	36,362	35,829	37,430
% found guilty	74.6	72.8	72.6	71.4
% disposition of guilty findings:				
Probation	50.6	49.2	48.9	48.3
Fine	14.7	15.7	15.6	14.1
Custody				
- secure	10.8	10.6	10.5	10.9
- open	10.1	10.6	11.0	11.7
Community service	6.6	7.2	7.5	8.2
Absolute discharge	4.6	4.2	3.6	4.3
Other disposition	2.6	2.5	2.8	2.5
Total dispositions	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue 85-002, Vol.10, No. 19, November 1990.

**Table 29: Children among visible minorities and
aboriginal people, 1986**

	Number under age 15	% of people in group
Visible minorities:		
Black	96,495	27.1
Chinese	91,930	23.5
Indo-Pakistani	87,930	29.2
West Asian and Arab	40,245	26.9
Filipino	29,000	28.3
Southeast Asian	26,485	30.4
Latin American	16,365	26.8
Japanese	12,140	22.9
Korean	8,770	30.0
Pacific Islander	2,905	33.5
Total visible minorities(1)	425,215	27.0
Aboriginal people	259,770	36.4

(1) Includes those with multiple ethnicity.

Source: Statistics Canada, Profile of Visible Minority and Aboriginal Peoples, Employment Equity Program.

Table 30: Selected indicators for registered Indian children living on reserves, 1960-1989

	Infant deaths per 1,000 live births	% of students staying in school until Grades 12 or 13	% of children in care
1960	82.0	3.4	..
1963	70.4	4.1	..
1968	48.6	10.6	4.6
1973	40.6	17.4	5.9
1978	26.5	17.2	6.5
1983	18.2	30.5	4.2
1986	17.5	42.2	3.5
1987	11.7	40.2	3.8
1988	12.7	41.4	3.9
1989	..	41.6	3.9

.. Figures not available.

Source: Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Basic Departmental Data.

**Table 31: Immigrant children,
1975-1989**

	Number	% of all immigrants
1975	51,122	27.2
1976	38,119	25.5
1977	27,184	23.7
1978	18,148	21.0
1979	24,841	22.2
1980	32,544	22.7
1981	26,907	20.9
1982	24,121	19.9
1983	15,629	17.5
1984	15,432	17.4
1985	15,152	18.0
1986	17,954	18.1
1987	30,807	20.3
1988	37,474	23.1
1989	42,622	22.2

Source: Employment and Immigration
Canada, Immigration Statistics.

**Table 32: Region of birth of children
immigrating to Canada, 1989**

	Number of immigrant children	As % of all immigrants from region	As % of all immigrant children
Asia	14,967	20.3	35.1
Europe	10,253	23.4	24.1
Middle East	4,843	24.9	11.4
Africa	2,727	22.4	6.4
West Indies	2,696	24.7	6.3
Central America	1,915	31.6	4.5
South America	1,885	21.7	4.4
Great Britain	1,651	19.6	3.9
U.S.A.	1,415	20.4	3.3
Other	270	13.1	0.6
Total	42,622	22.2	100.0

Source: Employment and Immigration Canada, Immigration Statistics.



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